

Amendments to the Specification:

In the Specification document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 line 4, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2005/001405, filed February 4, 2005 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of Great Britain application No. 0407154.4 GB filed March 31, 2004, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the Specification document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 4, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION--

In the Specification document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 6, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF INVENTION--

In the Specification document, please add the section heading at page 2 line 20, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the Specification document, please amend the paragraph at page 2 lines 20-28, as follows:

An example of a method of optimising connection set-up times between nodes in a centrally controlled network will now be described and contrasted with a conventional method with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:-

Figure 1 is a block diagram illustrating a centralised architecture of a type to which the method of the present invention applies;

Figure 2A illustrates signalling paths when a connection is possible in the architecture of Fig.1; and

Figure 2B illustrates conventional signalling paths when a connection is not possible in the architecture of Fig.1[[:]].

In the Specification document, please add the section heading at page 2 line 27, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--